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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled STREAMLINED PALLET HANDLING APPARATUS AND METHOD, the specification of which was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/US2005/001681, filed on January 14, 2005.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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| Application Number | Filing Date      |
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| 60/536,908         | January 16, 2004 |

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